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Notice of Non-Responsive Amendment

The proposed reply filed on October 30, 2003 has not been entered because it is improperly signed. As set forth in MPEP 402.01, in a joint application, the coinventors may give another inventor power of attorney in the application. Such power will be recognized even though the one to whom it is given is not registered. The original declaration includes a statement to direct all correspondence to Mr. Russel H. Marvin, CTO, who is the third inventor. Designating a correspondence address is not the same as giving authority to sign. Therefore, the signatures of all three inventors must appear on the response. If Applicants choose to appoint a registered attorney, then a statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is required. See MPEP 324.

Since the above mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME LIMIT MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Christopher Verdier whose telephone number is (703)-308-2638. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 10:00-6:30.

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